
**William Haynes
Reinstatement**

The Background:

Allegation: On November 7, 2007, the State Board revoked Mr. Haynes' teaching license based on his conditional guilty plea and judicial diversion. On July 28, 2011, and subsequent to Mr. Haynes' completion of diversion, the Criminal Court of Franklin County dismissed the charges and expunged his record. In April 2012, Mr. Haynes petitioned for reinstatement of his license, but the board denied his petition for "good cause" based on his prior conviction.

Status: Mr. Haynes sought and received a declaratory order in the Davidson County Chancery Court, which held that the State Board may not consider the applicant's prior convictions, which were expunged, or rely on the "other good cause" category pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(f).

The Recommendation:

Based on the constraints ordered by the Chancery Court, the Board does not have grounds upon which to deny reinstatement.